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ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY, AMBASSADOR AKINS, DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOSTLER, AND RUTHERFORD
POATS MET JUNE 26 TO CONSIDER PROPER USG ROLE IN PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA. CONSENSUS OF MEETING IS AS
FOLLOWS: (A) USG WILLING TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN
ASSISTING SAG IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WITH THE LIMITATIONS
NOTED BELOW. (B) INVOLVEMENT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE
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SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS NOR CONTRACT SIGNING. WE DO NOT

REPEAT NOT ENVISAGE DUPLICATING PROCEDURES USED IN DEFENSE
SECTOR. (C) PRECISE DETAILS OF THIS INVOLVEMENT REMAIN TO
BE WORKED OUT. WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL DEVELOP GUIDE-
LINES FOR USG INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BY
JULY 11. (D) FOR EXAMPLE USG THROUGH JEC COULD PROVIDE
SUPPLEMENTAL PROFESSIONAL STAFF TO MINISTER RESPONSIBLE
FOR DEVELOPING AND MANAGING MAJOR PROJECTS. SUCH US STAFF
COULD HELP DRAFT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS BY PROFESSIONAL
FIRMS, DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR REVIEW OF RESPONSES BY

INTERESTED FIRMS, ASSIST MINISTRY IN OVERSEEING WORK OF
FIRMS, REVIEW FIRMS' PROPOSALS FOR PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION
AND SUPPLY CONTRACTORS, AND PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL COUN-
SELLING ON SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF PROGRAM. NOTE THAT
THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR
CAN AND SHOULD HANDLE THE MAJOR PORTION OF THIS WORK.
(E) DURING FORTHCOMING ROBINSON AND POATS VISIT TO SAUDI
ARABIA THEY INTEND TO MAKE POINTS (A), (B), (C), AND (D)
ABOVE, AND TO SOLICIT SAG VIEWS ON WHAT ROLE IT ENVISIONS
FOR THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
PROGRESS. INGERSOLL

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